Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, fifty years ago on April 18, 1957, Ray A. Grose took the hand of his beautiful bride, Patsy Lavone Pursifull, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony at the home of the groom's great-aunt, Sadie E. Miles, of Raymondville, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Ray and Patsy Grose have had the pleasure of raising two children, Dennis R. Grose and Teresa Lavone Cole of Raymondville, and the privilege of spoiling four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Ray Grose has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes being a retired forty-three-year employee of the Missouri Department of Transportation, a farmer, and a member of the Raymondville School Board and the Raymondville City Council; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Patsy Grose offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, Ray and Patsy Grose have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Grose, residents of Raymondville, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 15, 2007, at the Raymondville Community Building:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Ray and Patsy Grose for their tremendous success in achieving a half century of wedded bliss and in wishing them many happy and rewarding years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Rya A. Grose.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Don Wells District No. 147

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2821, adopted April 30, 2007.